

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A tubular fitting receivable by an opening in a work piece, comprising:
a ring portion having an outer circumference and an inner circumference, the outer circumference being closely receivable by the opening in the work piece;
at least a first coupling member having at least a minimum inner circumference, an outer envelope, and an end section, the coupling member extending axially from the ring portion, the minimum inner circumference being larger than the inner circumference of the ring portion, the outer envelope sized to be moved through the opening in the work piece, and the end section configured to be engageable with another device; and
the ring portion being radially expandable where the amount of expansion is sufficient to establish a secure interference fit between the outer circumference of the ring portion and the opening in the work piece.
2. (Previously Presented) The tubular fitting of claim 1 wherein the ring portion includes a radial flange located adjacent to the work piece when the outer circumference of the ring portion is within the opening in the work piece.
3. (Previously Presented) The tubular fitting of claim 1, comprising a radially opening girth groove located near the end section of the coupling member.
4. (Previously Presented) The tubular fitting of claim 1, comprising a second coupling member projecting axially from the ring portion and loaded on an opposing side of the work piece from the first coupling member.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The tubular fitting of claim 4 wherein each coupling member has a radially opening girth groove.

7.-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) A fitting for securely routing a conduit through an opening in a work piece, the fitting comprising:

a ring portion having an outer circumference and an inner circumference, the outer circumference being closely receivable by the opening in the work piece, the ring portion being radially expandable where the amount of expansion is sufficient to establish a secure interference fit between the outer circumference of the ring portion and the opening in the work piece; and

at least one coupling member having at least a minimum inner circumference, an outer envelope, and an end section, the coupling member extending axially from the ring portion, the minimum inner circumference being larger than the inner circumference of the ring portion, the outer envelope sized to be moved through the opening in the work piece, and the end section is configured to couple with at least one other device.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The fitting according to claim 16 wherein the one other device is a piece of conduit coupled with the end section of the coupling member.

19. (Currently Amended) A fitting assembly for bridging an opening in a work piece, the assembly comprising:

a fitting having a ring portion and at least one coupling section, the ring portion having an outer circumference and an inner circumference, the outer circumference being closely receivable by the opening in the work piece, the ring portion being radially expandable where the

amount of expansion is sufficient to establish a secure interference fit between the outer circumference of the ring portion and the opening in the work piece, the at least one coupling section having at least a minimum inner circumference, an outer envelope, and a first portion, the coupling ~~member~~section extending axially from the ring portion, the minimum inner circumference being larger than the inner circumference of the ring portion, the outer envelope sized to be moved through the opening in the work piece and;

a first member having an inner passage and a first segment, the inner passage in fluid communication with the fitting when the first segment is coupled with the first portion of the at least one coupling section.

20. (Previously Presented) A method for routing a conduit through an opening in a work piece, the method comprising:

inserting a first portion of a fitting into the opening in the work piece, the first portion of the fitting having an outer envelope sufficiently sized to be received by the opening, the fitting further having a ring portion positioned in the opening of the work piece, the ring portion connected with the first portion where the first portion extends axially from the ring portion, the ring portion having an outer circumference sized to fit tightly within the opening of the work piece;

inserting a mandrel through the fitting located in the work piece, the ring portion of the fitting having an inner circumference sized to be radially expandable by an increased circumference section of the mandrel, the first portion of the fitting having an inner circumference sized to be slightly larger than the increased circumference section of the mandrel; and

expanding the ring portion of the fitting in an outwardly radial direction as the mandrel is forced through the inner circumference of the ring portion.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising:
cold working the material in the work piece adjacently located to the outer
circumference of the ring portion of the fitting.
22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20, further
comprising:
coupling a second device with the first portion of the fitting, the second device
affixed to the conduit such that the conduit is routed through the secured fitting when the second
device is attached.
23. (Previously Presented) The fitting assembly according to claim 19
wherein the first segment is coupled with the first portion of the at least one coupling section
with a clamp.
24. (Previously Presented) The fitting assembly according to claim 19
wherein the first segment of the first member and the first portion of the at least one coupling
section are configured with grooves to receive seals.
25. (New) The fitting assembly according to claim 19 wherein the minimum
inner circumference of the at least one coupling section is smooth.
26. (New) The fitting assembly according to claim 19 further comprising:
a radial flange coupled to the ring portion, the radial flange separated from the at
least one coupling section by the ring portion.
27. (New) The fitting assembly according to claim 26 wherein a thickness of
the ring portion is substantially equivalent to a thickness of the workpiece.